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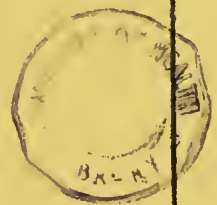
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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1960.

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH and HOUSING COMMITTEE (Whole Council)

Chairman: Councillor A. E. B. Butler.

Councillor Mrs. F. Firth,	Councillor J. Costigan, J.P.,
Councillor Mrs. G. Johnson,	(Chairman of the Council)
Councillor A. Johnson, M.Sc,	Councillor H.H. Littlewood,
Councillor R. S. Bann,	Councillor S. Nicholson,
Councillor R. Drinkwater,	Councillor A. West,
Councillor J. J. Jackson,	Councillor F. B. Woodward.

(As at 31st December, 1960).

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health:

F. D. F. STEEDE, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector:

A. McLANE, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Assistant to Surveyor and Public Health Inspector:

B. Foster.

Meat Inspectors: (Part-time)

C. E. HALL, M.R.C.V.S.

and

N. SALISBURY, M.R.C.V.S.

Council Offices, Whaley Bridge.

Telephone: Whaley Bridge 163.

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my third Annual Report for the year 1960. The report is compiled on similar lines to that of last year to comply with Ministry of Health requirements.

The main industries in the area are those connected with the cotton trade, e.g. weaving, bleaching and calico printing and quite a large number of the wage earners, with a high proportion of women, find their employment therein. Many also find their livelihood in various ways in the near-by highly industrialised conurbations. On the whole the level of employment has been satisfactory.

The figures supplied by the Registrar General form the basis of the vital statistics which bear out in general one's impressions of the good health of the district. The population figure is virtually unchanged and has shown little variation for a number of years, but with present pressures on living accommodation this position could alter quite rapidly.

The death rate, I am glad to say, is very low and for the second successive year well below the national average, but the birth rate, however, is also low and when adjusted for comparison is also below the national average. This has applied for a number of years and the national increase e.g. excess of births over deaths is only 16. The decline in the number of deaths by 13 from the previous year to 50 is attributed to inpart by a fall of 7 in the number of deaths from cancer. However, of the 8 deaths which did occur in this group 4 or half were due to cancer of the lung, now largely a preventable disease which is triggered off by cigarette smoking. I am glad to say no deaths occurred either due to road, home or industrial accidents.

During the year no case of any notifiable diseases was reported. However one death was recorded, this being due to broncho pneumonia occurring as a terminal event in a male aged 86. Occurrences of diphtheria in neighbouring parts of the county gave a certain impetus to the immunization campaign locally which unfortunately was necessary since the absence of the disease from the district over a number of years leads to an unwarranted degree of complacency in the minds of some parents, for whom most nowadays the disease has no personal significance born of experience. We were glad to receive a visit from the Mass Radiography Unit in June and though the response may have seemed poor many persons nowadays are visited at their place of work.

Water supply is now undertaken by the Stockport Corporation; however, samples are regularly checked for bacteriological purity.

Sewerage facilities generally are available throughout the area with only a few exceptions. The joint sewerage board with Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District are responsible for all treatment.

Housing generally is quite good but there is a certain proportion of older terrace type properties in which the amenities, in many cases, are hardly satisfactory in relation to present day requirements and unless improved with the aid of such grants as are currently available or otherwise will inevitably become candidates for slum clearance action in the not too distant future. The demand for accommodation for aged persons easily exceeds present rates of availability.

The Food Hygiene in the district is fairly satisfactory though the size and constitution of the present health staff makes adequate routine supervision extremely difficult.

Meat Inspection is carried out by arrangement with a firm of local veterinary surgeons in the three licensed slaughterhouses. However, only one of these and that largely re-constructed will survive when the new hygiene and cruelty regulations come wholly into force on the 1st January, 1962.

In conclusion I should like to express my sincere thanks to the Members of the Council for the kindness and consideration which they have shown me, and to all the Officers and Staff of the Council for their unfailing support and co-operation.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

F.D.F. STEEDE.

Medical Officer of Health.



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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(a) Laboratory Facilities: Pathological and Bacteriological investigation are carried out at the County Public Health Laboratory, 121a, Osmaston Road, Derby (Tel. Derby 45597). Chemical analysis is carried out at the County Analyst's Department, Matlock (Tel. Matlock 3411).

(b) Ambulance Facilities: This is a County Council service with an ambulance stationed at:

Park Road, Buxton. (Tel. 2021)

Park Road, New Mills. (Tel. 3333)

Talbot House, Talbot Road, Glossop. (Tel. 3101)

(c) Nursing in the Home: This service is administered by the County Council.

(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres:

<u>Name and Situation</u>	<u>Clinic held</u>	<u>By whom provided</u>
Child Welfare Clinic, Church Hall, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge.	Wednesday 1.30 to 4.15.	Derbyshire County Council.
Eye Clinic, High Lea Hall, New Mills.	4th Tuesday each month.	Derbyshire County Council.
Chest Clinic, Great Egerton Street, Stockport.	Monday 2 - 4.	Regional Hospital Board.
Venereal Disease Clinic, Great Egerton Street, Stockport.	Monday - Saturday.	Regional Hospital Board.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres) .	3,487
Estimated Population (mid 1960)	5,250
Number of Inhabited Houses, end of 1960	1,931
Rateable Value.	£ 60,856
Value of Penny Rate	£ 243

<u>Vital Statistics.</u>	M.	F.
Live Births - Legitimate.	64.	30. 34.
Illegitimate.	2.	1. 1.
Total. .	66.	31. 35.
Live Birth rate per 1,000 population.	12.6.	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births.	3.0	
Stillbirths - Legitimate.	2.	2. 0.
Illegitimate.	0.	0. 0.
Total. .	2.	2. 0.
Stillbirth rate	29.4	
Total live and stillbirths.	68.	33. 35.
Deaths.	50.	21. 29.
Death rate per 1,000 population	9.5	
Infant Deaths (Under one year of age) Legitimate. . . .	4.	1. 3.
Illegitimate.	0.	0. 0.
Total. .	4.	1. 3.
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	60.6	
Leg." " " " " legitimate live births.	62.5	
Illeg." " " " " illegitimate " "	----	
	M.	F.
Neonatal Deaths (Under four weeks).	3.	1. 2.
" Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	45.5	
	M.	F.
Early Neonatal Deaths (under one week).	3.	1. 2.
" " Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births . .	-	- -
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live & stillbirths) .	73.5	
Maternal deaths (including abortion).	Nil.	
" Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths.	Nil.	

	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.
Infant Deaths	1.	0.	2.	1.	2.	4.
" Mortality Rate	16.9	-	37.7	13.7	30.3	60.6

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasm (all ages)	8.
" " Measles (all ages).	0.
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	0.
" " Respiratory Diseases.	4.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT
DURING YEAR 1960.

Causes of Death								Males	Females	Total
All Causes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	29	50
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
2. " other...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
8. Measles...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
11. " " lung, bronchus ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
12. " " breast..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
13. " " uterus..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
16. Diabetes..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	10
18. Coronary Disease, Angina ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	10
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
20. Other Heart Disease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	9
21. " Circulatory Disease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
22. Influenza. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
24. Bronchitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	-	3
25. Other Disease of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	2	2
29. Hyperplasia or Prostrate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
34. All other Accidents...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
35. Suicide...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
36. Homicide and Operations of War ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-

Comparison with England and Wales.

	Per 1,000 Population		Per 1,000 Live Births.	Per 1,000 Total Births.
	Live Births (Adjusted)	Death Rate (Adjusted)	Infantile Mortality.	Stillbirths.
Whaley Bridge	12.8	9.9	30.3	14.9
England and Wales	17.1	11.5	21.7	19.7

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47
AS AMENDED BY THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

No action was taken under these powers.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Inspections throughout the area under the various Acts appertaining to Public Health were regularly carried out and any appropriate action taken when necessary.

Water Supply:

Although the Council is no longer responsible for the production and distribution of water it is still our duty to ensure the safety of the supply, and bacteriological samples will continue to be taken at regular intervals.

FOOD.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks.

No case of food poisoning has been reported.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Slaughtering has been carried out within the area at three private slaughterhouses which were licenced by the Council. Post Mortem inspections were carried out and details are here appended.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed	287.	15.	10.	842.	22.	-
Number inspected	287.	15.	10.	842.	22.	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	31.	-	-	21.	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	10.8%	-	-	2.5%	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	11.	15.	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	3.8%	100%	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigera- tion	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

HOUSING.

At the end of the year the Council had 331 houses and bungalows. Of this number, 216 houses and 14 bungalows had been erected during the post war years, whilst during the same period 64 private houses were built.

The number of applicants for council houses at the end of the year was 54, of whom 25 were resident outside the area. In addition there were 63 applications for aged person's bungalows.

During the year no new Council Houses were built, but a scheme was prepared and approved for the erection of 15 Aged Persons Bungalows to be erected on the Park Road Site.

During the year under review the Council approved schemes for standard improvement grants in respect of 12 houses and discretionary grants in respect of 14 houses and authorised the giving of grants amounting to £3,022.

No case of statutory overcrowding has been reported.

SEWERAGE.

The sewerage is conveyed through the Council's sewers to the sewerage disposal works at Furness Vale the treatment being carried out by the Whaley Bridge Joint Sewerage Board.

The sewers have been maintained in good condition, cleansing, rodding and repairs being carried out as and when necessary. Nearly all properties within the district are sewered excepting those in Fernilee and Cadster areas.

The test baiting of sewer manholes in the area was again carried out to ascertain the extent of rat infestation and only one very small area of minor infestation was recorded. No extensions to sewers were carried out during the year.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The collection of household refuse was carried out by direct labour using a Karrier Gamecock Refuse Collection vehicle.

The Council have continued to maintain a regular fortnightly service for the collection of refuse, the refuse being tipped on the Council's refuse tip at Fernilee.

RAG FLOCK ACT.

There are no premises within the urban area where rag flock is manufactured, used or sold.

CLEAN AIR ACT.

All industrial undertakings in the area have now taken steps to comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act. During the year two factories changed over to oil firing.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASE - GENERAL.

No case of any notifiable disease was reported.

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY, 1960.

No new cases or deaths were notified during the year.

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE
DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the
 Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the sanitary conditions and a brief summary of work done during the year ended 31st December, 1960.

Housing.

Number of houses in district at 31st December, 1959	-	1928.
New Houses erected during the year by :-		
(a) Local Authority	-	Nil.
(b) Private Enterprise	-	3.
		<u>1931.</u>
Number of houses demolished or closed during 1960	-	Nil.
Number of houses in area at 31st December, 1960	-	<u>1931.</u>
		<u>1931.</u>
Number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	-	105.
Number of dwellinghouses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	-	28.
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so danger- ous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	-	2.
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in con- sequence of action by local authority (formal or informal)	-	26.
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-	Nil.
Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-	Nil.
Number of dwellings in respect of which undertakings were accepted	-	Nil.
Number of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-	2.

Closet Accommodation in the Area.

Houses with pail closet accommodation	-	29.
Houses with privy accommodation	-	7.
Houses with W.C. closet accommodation	-	1895.
Houses converted during year from pail closet to W.C. accommodation	-	1.

Sanitary Inspections.

Number of inspections made under Public Health, Housing Acts, etc.	-	1347.
Defects or Nuisances:-		
Number discovered	-	304.
Number abated with or without Notice	-	301.
Number of Notices served:-		
Informal Notices	-	53.
Statutory Notices	-	2.
Legal Proceedings	-	Nil.

<u>Details of Inspections:-</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Nuisances abated.</u>
Defective Closet Accommodation	91.	28.
Defective Ashbins or Ashpits	27.	16.
Drainage Defects	164.	117.
Housing Repairs	381.	42.
Offensive Accumulations	11.	5.
Urinals	48.	-
Flooding of Cellars	12.	3.
Foul Condition of Houses	8.	1.
Animals improperly kept	7.	-
Water Supply	51.	22.
Bakehouses	10.	-
Factories and Workshops	73.	2.
Shops and Food Premises	123.	2.
Rodent Control	147.	42.
Moveable Dwellings	29.	1.
Other Inspections	165.	20.

DRAINAGE.

Number of houses in district connected to sewers	-	1755.
Number of houses in district not connected to sewers	-	176.
Number of houses connected to main sewerage system during year	-	3.

FACTORIES.

There are 36 Factories and Workshops on the area, the number of inspections and action taken being given in the following table:-

Premises	Inspections.	Notices Served.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories (With Mechanical Power)	24.	-	-
Factories (Without Mechanical Power)	49.	-	-
Other Premises	-	-	-

Defects found in Factories were as follows:-

Particulars.	Number of Defects.		
	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector.
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors(S.6)	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	2	1
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-
(d) Other offences against the Act	-	-	-

OUTWORK.

Number of outworkers on Register - 5.
(All outworkers are engaged on sewing)
Number of cases of work undertaken on unwholesome premises - Nil.

FOOD INSPECTION.

During the year the following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

9 tins of Fruit Salad.	15 tins of Oranges.
37 " " Pears.	3 " " Salmon.
12 " " Peaches.	10 " " Peas.
4 " " Ham.	19 " " Pineapple.
15 " " Tomatoes.	7 " " Steak.
3 " " Brisling.	5 " " Corned Beef.
4 " " Ox Tongues.	12 lbs. Frozen Beef.
3 " " Luncheon Meat.	

WATER SUPPLIES.

Details of houses supplied with water at 31st December, 1960.

		<u>Estimated population.</u>
Number of houses in district supplied with water from mains	1904.	5205.
Number of houses supplied with water from standpipes	Nil.	Nil.
Number of houses supplied with water from private sources	27.	65.

I am, Mr.Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McLane.

Public Health Inspector.

